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In complete response to the official action mailed August 29, 2000, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

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*Please amend the claims as follows.*

1. (Amended) A taste masked formulation which rapidly releases in the stomach of a patient comprising:

A drug containing core;

A taste masking layer composed of a material which is generally insoluble in saliva at a neutral to basic pH and completely soluble in saliva at a pH of less than about 6.5; and

A spacing layer surrounding said core and substantially completely sequestering said core from said taste masking layer and being capable of rapidly exposing said core when exposed in the stomach of a patient; said taste masking layer preventing exposure of said spacing layer in the mouth of a patient for a period of at least about 20 seconds after being placed into the mouth and being capable of rapidly exposing said spacing layer when in the stomach of a patient.

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